

COUNTRY Czechoslovakia Approved For Release 2002/08/14 : CIA-RDP82-00457R016100130008-5TOPIC 1. SNB and Military Activities in the Teplice - Sanov Area.

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2. Motorized Artillery Unit in Jicin.EVALUATION ☐ 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED _____DATE OF CONTENT prior to May 1952DATE OBTAINED ☐ 25X1A DATE PREPARED 24 December 1952REFERENCES ☐ 25X1APAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) _____

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SOURCE

SNB Border Details and Other Units in the Teplice Sanov Area.

1. Prior to May 1952, SNB details wearing blue or red service color were on border guard duty in the border zone north of Teplice Sanov (Teplitz-Schoenau, N 51/F 34) from Moldava (Moldau, N 51/F 15) as far as Fojtovice (Voitsdorf, N 51/F 35). SNB offices were in Mikulov (Niklasberg, N 51/F 14), Moldava, in the custom house at Zd. Cinvald (Hinterzinnwald, N 51/F 25) and in Fojtovice. Two-man patrols with dogs patrolled the border as well as roads and railroads in the border zone. Source who had been a border guide was positive that these details were not the Border Guard units.¹
2. In May 1952, an officers course held in the Bohosudov Monastery about 5 km northeast of the town was attended by officers from lieutenants up to and including majors. Source did not know whether the monastery was constantly occupied.
3. A guard detail for the ammunition factory northwest of the town was stationed in Velvety (Welboth) about 6 km southeast of Teplice Sanov.²

Motorized Artillery Unit in Jicin.

4. Prior to November 1951, the barracks installation at the northeastern edge of Jicin (O 51/F 33) and on the northwest side of the road to Valdice (O 51/G 44) was occupied by a motorized artillery unit. The barracks installation was separated from the road by a wall, 2 meters high, and consisted of several multi-story brick buildings. One building was very long and was parallel to the road. The soldiers wore red epaulets. Source repeatedly saw service of the piece drill in the barracks area. A convoy including about 10 guns, trucks and motorcycles left the barracks installation in October 1951. The guns had an estimated caliber of about 100-mm, were mounted on gun carriages with 2 rubber-tired wheels and were towed by medium trucks which also carried the gun crews. The barrels of the guns slanted downward.
5. The barracks installation in Jicin which source referred to as Elfer Landwehr Kaserne had an estimated occupation of about 500 soldiers. Four new officers'

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dwelling houses were northeast of the installation. In the fall of 1951, source saw about 200 young civilians arrive at the installation. Detachments of 300 to 400 men were seen marching out of the installation. Soldiers once practiced on two guns in the field southeast of the barracks installation.

6. In the fall of 1951, convoys comprising 2 armored vehicles, some trucks, and 1 jeep were twice seen between Jicin and Valdice traveling towards Jicin.

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1. ☐ Comment. It is known that the area of the former tin and silver mines near Tenlice Janov - Cinvald is being searched for uranium. It is therefore probable that since this area falls within the restricted border area, as, for example, in the Jachymov area, the border is guarded by SNB units wearing red service color. Personnel of the regular police which is believed not engaged in border guard duty has blue service color.

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2. ☐ Comment. The only military quarters available in Velvety were occupied by the 1st Bn of the 7th Inf Bgt up to October 1950 when the battalion was transferred to Karlovy Vary.

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3. ☐ Comment. In November 1951, a resettler had also seen new barracks buildings on the road to Valdice and had stated that they belonged to a barracks installation for infantry. ☐ The red epaulets seen there may indicate that the installation quarters components of an infantry regiment while the number of guns mentioned would indicate an artillery battalion. Artillery battalions, however, exist only with mechanized regiments and, probably, have red-bordered black epaulets. The guns cannot be identified. Jicin belongs to the area of the 14th Inf Div in Mlada-Boleslav which, however, has not been confirmed recently. This division has possibly been deactivated and its posts partly been taken over by the 6th Mech Div. This, however, remains to be clarified.

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